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Patent Application of: Joseph Peiris et al.

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VIRUS CAUSING SEVERE ACUTE  
RESPIRATORY SYNDROME (SARS)**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2006, finally rejecting claim 13, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.